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## ABSTRACT

1. This report contains imagery-derived information which shows increased ground force activity occurring in Ningsia-hui Autonomous Region of Lan-chou Military Region. This activity consisted of improvements to existing defensive areas, the construction of major ground force installations, and order-of-battle deployments. This report contains a table, a map, and three photographs.

## INTRODUCTION

2. There has been a steady increase in ground force activity in Ningsia-hui Autonomous Region since 1971. A new infantry division was identified in the north and central sections of the region, and a probable internal defense division was identified in the Yin-chuan area. This activity, combined with the upgrading of three defensive areas in the Ho-lan Shan (mountains), significantly improves defensive capabilities in the Huang Ho (river) valley. Construction of the installations housing the infantry divisions spanned the time period July 1971 to April 1974, indicating a gradual and continuing ground force deployment program is under way. This military activity suggests the presence of a yet unlocated army-level headquarters.

## BASIC DESCRIPTION

3. A new infantry division deployed at the northern tip of the Ho-lan Shan, 25 nautical miles (nm) north of Yin-chuan, was identified in October 1974. Military activity within this area was identified initially in October 1972 when defensive positions were observed under construction. Since then, the defensive areas have been expanded and seven new installations have been identified in various stages of construction. When complete, the installations will be capable of accommodating three infantry regiments, an artillery regiment, an artillery battalion, an AAA gun battalion, and associated divisional headquarters support elements. These installations complement and support the expanded defensive areas which guard northern entrances to the mountains. These defensive areas now contain on-site support facilities, firing ranges, obstacle courses, antitank ditches, artillery positions sited at cave entrances, personnel trenching, and automatic weapon positions. One of the three battalion areas of the artillery regiment at Shih-tsui-shan Barracks Area 3 is shown in Figure 2 and portions of one of the defensive areas are shown in Figure 3.

4. A new infantry division was identified in May 1974 deployed along the southern bank of the Huang Ho approximately 60 nm south of Yin-chuan. Ground force deployment to this area was first identified in January 1972 when elements of an artillery regiment were identified at Chin-chi Army Barracks AL 2. Since then, this barracks has been expanded to accommodate a full artillery regiment, and three new installations have been constructed capable of accommodating three infantry regiments, an AAA gun battalion, and associated divisional headquarters support elements. One of the regimental barracks areas, Ho-chia-pao Army Barracks, is shown in Figure 4.

5. A possible internal defense division, headquartered in Yin-chuan, was deployed in the central portion of the region. The division, consisting of three internal defense regiments and an artillery battalion, was in the Yin-chuan, Wu-kung, and Pai-li-ching areas. Although all the areas are probably occupied, only the installations in the Pai-li-ching and Yin-chuan areas reflect military activity. The installations at Pai-li-ching were initially identified under construction in October 1972 and have now been expanded to accommodate an internal defense regiment and an artillery battalion. The defensive positions, which guard a southwestern pass through the mountains, were also improved to include artillery positions sited at cave entrances, AAA gun positions, antitank ditches, personnel trenching, and automatic weapon positions.

6. Table 1 lists each ground force installation, its BE number and coordinates, its type/size, a basic description, latest order-of-battle, and remarks.

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Table 1. Ground Force Installations, Kiangsi-hui Autonomous Region (from key to Figure 1)

Item	Installation/BE/Coordinates	Type	Basic Description	Latest Order-of-Battle	Remarks	Item	Installation/BE/Coordinates	Type	Basic Description	Latest Order-of-Battle	Remarks
1	Shih-tai-shan Def Area 38-20-30N 106-17-01E	Inf regt	Main bldg area contains 61 bks, 18 messhalls, 2 admin bldgs, an auditorium, & 27 stor/pt bldgs; 2 interconnected defensive areas, 4 rem north, contained 33 bks, 7 messhalls, 11 stor/pt bldgs, & various training & defensive positions	12 trks, 1 POL trk, 2 buses (May 75)	Defensive areas basically complete by Apr 74; center of the regt bldg area began in Apr 74	8	Yin-chuan Hq Ning-hsi MO 38-30-30N 106-06-51E	Pos internal def regt & div hq	Installation contains 8 multi-story bks, 7 other bks, 4 messhalls, 2 admin bldgs, 6 veh/equipment sheds, an auditorium & 49 stor/pt bldgs	2 SU 76 assault guns, 2 pos armor-ed vehs, 10 trks, 5 vhs (May 75)	First sighting of armor-ed vehs at this installation, which prob will be utilized in a training role
2	Shih-tai-shan Bks & Def Area 3 38-15-32N 106-10-40E	Inf regt	Main bldg area contains 49 bks, 11 messhalls, 3 admin bldgs, an auditorium, & 34 stor/pt bldgs; defensive area, 4 rem NW, contained 6 bks, a messhall, & various training & defensive positions	2 trks (Oct 74)	Constr began in Aug 73	9	Li-chun-shan Def Area 38-25-12N 106-43-33E	Pos internal def regt & arty br	Installation consists of 10 small areas containing 61 bks, 14 messhalls, 2 admin bldgs, 9 veh/equipment sheds, an auditorium, & 89 stor/pt bldgs; defensive area covers a 3-sq mi area & contains various training & defensive positions	4 trks (Oct 74)	Facs ucon in Feb 72; constr still continues on the defensive positions
3	Shih-tai-shan Bks Area 3 38-13-42N 106-15-23E	Art regt	Installation consists of 2 areas containing 43 bks, 4 bks/messhalls, 12 veh/sheds, 26 stor/pt bldgs	18 85/100mm field guns, 35 trks (Oct 74)	Constr on the collocated Howitzer & Mortar bn area began in Feb 72; center of the field gun bn area began after Apr 74	10	Wu-chang Army Bks AL 1 37-58-58N 106-12-40E	Pos internal def regt	Installation consists of 2 areas containing 74 bks, 7 messhalls, 2 admin bldgs, 4 veh/equipment sheds, 3 auditoriums, & 73 stor/pt bldgs	3 trks (Oct 74)	No significant military activity observed here since at least Jan 71
4	Shih-tai-shan Bks & Def Area 2 38-16-40N 106-19-02E	Art bn	Bks area contains 14 bks, 6 messhalls, 3 veh/equipment sheds, 22 stor/pt bldgs, & 12 arty investments; defensive area, 4 rem NW, contained 12 arty positions employed at cave entrances	12 grds 130mm field guns, 2 tracked prime movers, 2 trks (Oct 74)	Installation ucon in Feb 72; constr of permanent facs is continuing	11	Chin-chi Army Bks AL 2 37-52-10N 106-06-10E	Art regt	Installation contains 58 bks, 14 messhalls, an admin bldg, an auditorium, 17 veh/equipment sheds, & 25 stor/pt bldgs	17 85mm field guns, 11 120mm howitzers, 10 160mm mortars, 6 dummy tanks (May 75)	Installation ucon in Feb 72; was basically complete by Nov 73
5	Shih-tai-shan Bks & POL Stor Area 38-13-35N 106-17-49E	Engineer bn & other div support elements	Installation consists of 2 areas containing 22 bks, 3 messhalls, an admin bldg, & 22 stor/pt bldgs	10 TPR, 46 exp trks, 3 POL trks, 1 trk-mounted crane, 27 trailers (May 75)	Installation ucon in Feb 72, was basically complete by Oct 72	12	Hochi-pao Army Bks 37-34-18N 105-54-27E	Inf regt	Installation contains 105 bks, 25 messhalls, 2 admin bldgs, an auditorium, & 23 stor/pt bldgs	None observed (Oct 74)	Initial constr began in Apr 72, was basically complete by Oct 74
6	Shih-tai-shan Army Bks AL 1 38-12-23N 106-18-54E	Div hq & AAA gun bn	Installation consists of 2 areas containing 61 bks, 13 messhalls, 2 veh/equipment sheds, an auditorium, & 38 stor/pt bldgs	18 37mm AA guns, 9 2PR/4, 27 trks, 2 vhs (May 75)	Installation ucon in Feb 72, was basically complete by Oct 74	13	Chung-ning Army Bks AL 1 37-27-45N 105-41-15E	Div hq, inf regt, AAA gun bn	Installation consists of 7 areas containing 142 bks, 28 messhalls, 7 admin bldgs, 21 veh/equipment sheds, 3 auditoriums, & 54 stor/pt bldgs	12 trks (Oct 74)	Portions of the facs present in Jul 71; facility was basically complete by Nov 73
7	Tai-mo-kou Bks Area 38-07-10N 106-23-55E	Inf regt	Installation consists of 4 areas containing 91 bks, 15 messhalls, an admin bldg, an auditorium, & 84 stor/pt bldgs	7 trks, 6 pieces of equipment (Oct 74)	Installation ucon in Feb 72, was basically complete by Oct 74	14	Shen-chai-tan Army Bks 37-27-29N 105-20-28E	Inf regt	Installation contains 77 bks, 11 messhalls, 2 admin bldgs, an auditorium, & 33 stor/pt bldgs	None observed (Oct 74)	Installation ucon in Feb 72, was basically complete by Nov 73

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